

Relief Midwives In Attawapiskat



Hello everyone, in light of the current COVID-19 crisis, it is difficult to foresee how hard our community will be hit. We are calling out to midwives who might be interested in coming up to do a few weeks of relief in the coming months, in the event we would need it. If you might be interested, and we understand that everything might change for you, and for us, please let us know so we can have an initial discussion. Thank you! And stay safe! Please find below the regular 'advertisement' for our community.

Neepeeshowan Midwives is a remote midwifery practice located in Attawapiskat First Nation, Ontario. Attawapiskat is a Cree community in the Mushkegowuk Territory, located about 500km north of Timmins. Nestled by the Attawapiskat River and surrounded by 1500 square kilometers of muskeg, it is a haven for outdoor lovers! Whether kayaking or canoeing on the river, snowshoeing and snowmobiling in the winter, joining the local broomball team or jingle-dancing group, there is plenty to do in the community! Attawapiskat is a fly in community with winter road access in January to March (a fun adventure!). The population is around 2000 people with a birth rate of approximately 50-60 per year.

Neepeeshowan Midwives provide all of the prenatal/postpartum care for people in this community, including high-risk pregnancies. We hold admitting privileges with Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA). We offer the choice of community birth, and offer 24/7 call coverage for all obstetric related emergencies. Attawapiskat has a small hospital that is part of WAHA. We work in a low resource setting but in collaboration with the hospital staff. We do not have surgical capabilities. We rely on ORNGE for medevacuations in emergency situations, when possible. We have a trained Cree second birth attendant who works with us in our office, and attends all births and emergencies alongside the midwives. She is also an Indigenous Midwifery Student.

In this current situation, you would most likely be coming in as a second midwife, working with an experienced Attawapiskat midwife. The regular job description of the midwife might be altered to answer to the needs during this crisis. Experience in working with Indigenous people and in Indigenous communities is an asset, but not essential. Dedication to providing culturally safe care is essential.

We are hoping to provide a more detailed information session for people who are interested in applying for this position, dates to be determined. We expect to need midwives to do 4 to 6 week stints. Meegwetch, thank you for your interest.

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